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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

Europe 376,719
Europe 378,240
Europe 604,940
Europe 607,928

These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. The European Search Report also lists European Patent 546,832, but since that patent was cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed June 17, 1997, it was not repeated here.

A copy of the European Search Report, which is dated July 31, 1998, is enclosed. In view of this date, it

is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

The concise explanation of relevance for the documents cited above is provided in the European Search report.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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